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Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County Addresses COVID-19 Concerns

PHOENIX- The Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County, including the Superior Court and both Adult and Juvenile Probation, is working closely with county and state agencies to monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation in our community. The Branch is actively taking steps to provide a safe environment for employees, lawyers and litigants, building tenants, other courts and external agencies, as well as the public we serve, including the following:

- Contracts with cleaning vendors were modified to increase staffing levels as well as the cleaning frequency of all public areas (elevators, restrooms, courtrooms, jury assembly/deliberation rooms, etc.) with an anti-viral product identified by the Center for Disease Control to combat COVID-19.
- All Branch employees who have taken a cruise or traveled internationally in the last two weeks or
 plan to do so later this year have been asked to notify human resources, so that impact can be
 mitigated.
- Senior Branch personnel engaged in a previously scheduled review of our continuity of operations
 plans (COOP) and utilized table top exercises to identify specific COVID-19 considerations for each
 department should the closing of court facilities or a reduction of services occur in the future.
- Our employees have been reminded to be diligent in their personal habits to help combat the
 potential threat of spreading viruses. Employees experiencing any illness related symptoms,
 including coughing, sneezing, or a fever, have been asked to stay home. We ask court customers
 to heed this advice as well for the safety of others.
- Prospective jurors who are sick or experiencing symptoms are asked to call the Jury Office at 602-506-5879 to discuss postponing service. A notice to this effect is posted in English and Spanish to our juror announcement page.
- While the Branch continues to remain open to the public, all non-essential services will be postponed, and some essential services will be conducted electronically to reduce the public's necessity to enter the court.

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